Juror Information Policy

(effective September 26, 2001)

The Jury Committee has considered and discussed the Court's "Proposed Juror Information Policy," the letters from the media and members of the bar regarding the proposed policy, and the current varied practices of members of the court. Consistent with the recommendations of the Jury Committee the bench adopts the following procedure:

All requests (from whatever source) for juror information in a particular case will be referred to the judge who is handling the case.

All determinations of whether to disclose juror information upon request shall be made by the judge handling the case in accordance with <u>In re Baltimore Sun Company</u>, 841 F.2d 74 (4th Cir. 1988) and other applicable law. If a decision is made to disclose the information, the jurors shall be notified as promptly as possible.